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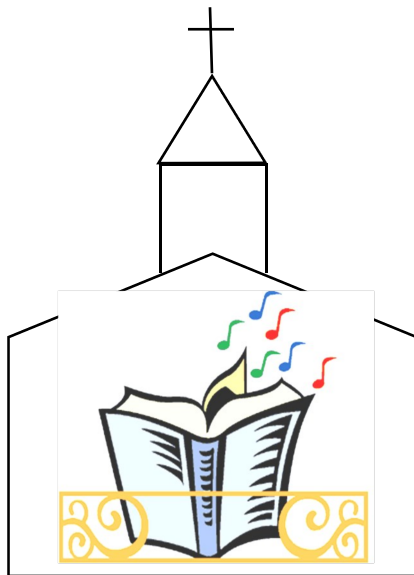
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where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn.

St. Peter's Church Mission Statement

"St. Peter's Church is committed to providing a family atmosphere for people of all ages. We are a people who sincerely care about each other and the community. We strive to be one people, bonded by Christ's love.

We look to the future for the continued vitality that we share today. Through worship, preaching, fellowship, and servanthood, may we reach out to all people as a witness to the living God."



A New Season, A Fresh Hope

As the days of June and July faded into August and now September, I truly feel all of us are asking the same thing: *Where did summer go!?! It feels like spring gave way to random spells of way-too-cold followed by way-too-hot, leading towards a summer that honestly flew by faster than any before. But as we sit here in this new month, I want to pose a question: What new thing is God doing in your life? On first reading this question, I certainly know many will immediately say “I am not quite sure.” Do not worry, that is a normal feeling! However:*

When is the last time we sought God in a new and fresh/exciting way?

When is the last time we stood firmly in our faith?

Prayed the bold prayer before God?

Worshipped fully surrendered before Him?

If the answer is unsure to any of those, why not start today? Why not allow the newness we step into be the push to prioritize a relationship with Christ. As the apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” As we become the new creation, we are meant to start looking and acting more like Jesus. And so, comes the challenge: **Seek God in a new and fresh/exciting way!** Get into the Bible. Start journaling. God enjoy His great creation all around you. **Stand firmly in your faith!** Know the certainty of the Gospel that redeems and saves us. The certainty of our faith that is a firm foundation. The confidence we may have in the Bible as the Spirit has carried it along. **Pray the bold prayer!** Pray for what God is already leading within your heart. For healing and restoration. We serve the God that does not know the world impossible! **Worship surrendered before Him!** Listen to worship music, your favorite hymns, or simply read a psalm and lift your arms before the Lord. Like a child reaching up to their parent, we reach out to our God who desires to hold us close.

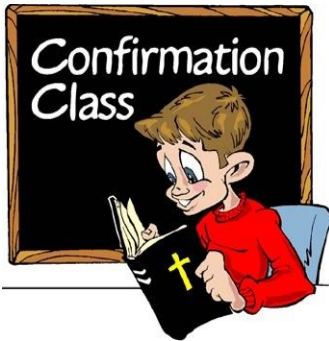
As you try these different practices over this next month, at the beginning of October ask yourself “What new thing is God doing in my life.” And watch that answer blossom into something life changing.

Pastor Josh



Harvest Home

Our annual Harvest Home will be celebrated ***Sunday, September 13th***. All donations for the Harvest Home display should be brought to the Sunday worship service on the 13th. If there is a need to bring earlier, please place the items in the Board (conference) room next to the choir room. All donated items should be non-perishable goods. St Peter's will be giving the food donations to Christ Evangelical Free Church food pantry, and monetary donations would again be split between Topton and Bethany Homes.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

All youth eligible for Confirmation (age 12 and above) and their parents are invited to meet on ***Sunday, September 13th*** following the worship service to begin the confirmation process. If you are interested but cannot attend, or if you have any questions, please contact the Pastor before the 13th.

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Everyone is encouraged to get back into the habit of attending worship on Sunday morning. A great time to begin will be by attending our Back-to-Church Sunday on ***Sunday, September 20th at 9 AM***. Join us to worship God and recommit ourselves to helping one another in the Spirit of Christ.

Prayer for Guidance

*Lord, take me where you want me to go;
Let me meet who you want me to meet;
Tell me what you want me to say,
and keep me out of your way.*

—Rev. Mychal Judge, FDNY chaplain and the first official casualty on 9/11





Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

July's Joyous Noise totaled \$573.50 and will support the chosen mission for True North VBS: Safer Streets for Tamaqua's Little Feet. Donations will support their 11th Annual Giving Tree project. With your donation, you can make sure local children, families, and individuals have the warm winter essentials they need during the colder months. Your donations help to purchase and distribute hats, gloves, scarves, socks, hand and foot warmers, winter coats, snow pants, and boots through the Giving Tree locations at Depot Square Park and the Tamaqua Public Library. Because of the incredible generosity of people like you, more than 400 children stayed warm last winter. Over 3000 items are stocked to both locations. This year, Safer Streets is hoping to reach even more neighbors as the need for winter clothing and cold-weather gear continues to grow. Every dollar given goes directly toward helping members of our community stay warm, safe, and comfortable all winter long.

August's Joyous Noise totaled \$373.65 and will be given to the Kovach family. On Wednesday, May 20, 2026, the Kovach family experienced an unimaginable tragedy when a fire quickly destroyed their home in Brockton, PA. The fire began at a neighboring home before spreading, leaving them with a total loss. They escaped with only the clothes on their backs, losing nearly all of their belongings and beloved pets. This collection will be used at the discretion of Kerrie and John to help them and their two daughters get through these challenging times as they rebuild what they lost.

September's Joyous Noise recipient is Melisa Snyder, who has been diagnosed with incurable small cell lung carcinoma. Melisa has a difficult battle ahead, and every act of kindness and support can make a meaningful difference for her and her loved ones during this journey.

This month's collection will be given directly to Melisa to help with medical and everyday expenses and ease some of the financial burden her family may face in the months ahead.

Melisa's village is also coming together to support her with a 21+ benefit on September 26 from 2:00–10:00 p.m. at the Tamaqua Elks. Anyone who would like to further support Melisa is encouraged to attend.

Please keep Melisa and her loved ones in your thoughts and prayers, and surround them with the love and support of our community in the months ahead.



"Talk with each other much about the Lord, quoting psalms and hymns and singing sacred songs, making music in your hearts to the Lord."

- Ephesians 5:19

***Cherub Choir** will start on **Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All children age 2 and up are welcome to be part of the Cherub Choir.*

***Senior Choir** practice started on **Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m.** Tentatively, Senior choir will sing two Sundays a month and on some holidays and special occasions.*

For those who have busy schedules but would like to be part of any of the choirs, you need not be at every practice.

If you have a love for music, you are welcome and encouraged to join with others to sing and play beautiful music "to the Glory of God." Share this with your friends and neighbors! One does not need to be a member of St. Peter's to join the choirs.



Hope in the Middle

In the middle of busy days, real struggles, and everything in between, God is still at work. No matter what your week has held, there's still space for hope.

Join Pastor Josh each week for a short, encouraging Facebook Live centered on real life, real faith, and lasting hope. **Thursdays @ 11:00 AM:** Live on Facebook

The deadline for the October issue of the "Cornerstone" is Tuesday, September 8th.



Upcoming Sunday School Events:

Adult Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Every Sunday
Children dismissed after Children's Time during the worship service

⇒ 9/13 ~ Sunday School Teachers & Officers Installation
~ Sunday School *Sundae* Sunday

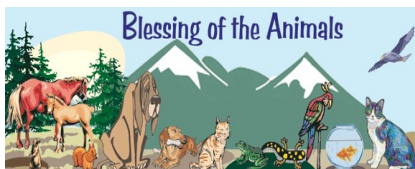
Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School Class today. We have classes for all ages. Teachers and helpers are also always welcome. Anyone willing to be part of this great educational experience, please contact anyone on the Sunday School staff, Hannah Miller or Nicole Hunsicker.



Retirees

Retirees will meet on *September 9th. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to Norene Rosso's.* There will be food, fun, fellowship, and games. Please contact Sharon Herring if you are interested in participating so she can plan for the meals. If you would like to assist in any way, please let her know. She can be reached at (570) 386-3202. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message and she will return your call.

The Retirees are open to anyone, age is not a factor. They meet the second Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members.



**Outdoor Service of Worship for the
Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m.**
You are invited to bring your animal(s) to church.

All animals will be blessed.

All animals present must be tethered or crated.

The service will be held in the fellowship hall in case the weather is not so cooperative.

W.A.S.P. News



The next meeting will be held on ***Tuesday, September 15th*** at 7:00pm in the social hall. WASP Officers will provide refreshments.

WASP usually meets in the fellowship hall the third Tuesday of every month, unless a special event is planned. All women are invited to join them.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

The Kitchen Krew will hopefully be back in business in October with the following (provided we have enough help) :

In October:

Apple dumplings October 22nd orders due by October 4th. Pickup in the Social Hall from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. \$5/each. Pans of either 5 or 4 singles are available.

In November:

Apple dumplings order by November 1st with pickup November 19th from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Homemade filling: order by November 8th with pickup at the South Entrance November 24th (drive-thru) \$8/qt.

Orders can either be put on the sheet at church or by calling Karen Diehl 570-386-5472. If you leave a message she will call you back to confirm your order.



World Wide Communion Sunday– October 4th

On Sunday, October 4th, Christian churches around the world will celebrate the sacrament in recognition of World Wide Communion.

Welcome back to Preschool!



We cannot believe it is already time to kick off another school year! While we hope everyone had an incredible summer vacation, we are so excited to welcome all of our new and returning preschoolers for another wonderful year of learning, growing, and fun!

Our preschool program continues to grow, and we LOVED our summer programming! Thank you to all of the preschoolers, parents, and volunteers who helped make it such a great experience.

Now it's time for early morning alarms, fall weather, meeting new friends, and continuing the learning journey with our returning 4-year-olds! Here's to a year filled with ABCs, 123s, show-and-tell, stories, lots of laughs, and even more memories.

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See you soon,
Preschool!

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Welcome Tonya Erdman:

St. Peter's is excited to welcome Tonya Erdman as our Director of Music! Tonya joined us in August and has already been a wonderful addition to the St. Peter's family.

She has been using her musical talents to support churches and choirs in various capacities since 2005. She has also been a member of the musical group **In Christ Eternally** since 2000—and we cannot wait to hear them perform at our Fall Fest in September!

We are excited to have Tonya share her talents with us and look forward to all she will bring to the beautiful musical ministry and traditions of St. Peter's. Please join us in giving Tonya a warm St. Peter's welcome!

YOU'RE INVITED!

St Peters Church

FALL

Fest 2026

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 18
4PM - 8PM

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19
12PM - 6PM



FOOD

Delicious favorites for everyone!



GAMES

Fun for kids and adults alike!



BASKET RAFFLE

Great baskets! Great chances! Great cause!



ENTERTAINMENT

Live music, talent and good vibes!

Bring your family and friends!

Good Food. Great Fun.
STRONGER TOGETHER!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

***Say a Prayer for:
Recent***

*Loved Ones of
Irene Dennis
Loved Ones of
Barbara Kershner
Crystal Unger
Denise Angstadt
Grayson Christman
Holly Fox
Irene Dennis
Liz Johns
Lois Faust
Melissa Snyder
Steve Miller
Ralph Fisher
Susan Brockel
Virginia Allesch
Wendy Kunkel*

Ongoing

*Audrey
Austin Klein
Barry Reinert
Beth Pravozino
Bonnie Miller
Bruce Miller
Carolyn Lantz
Carissa Nelson
Cassie Wolfe
Clyde
Cody Wolfgang
Dale Peterson
Daniel Smith
Darlene Kunkel*

*Darryl Moyer
DeRue Kistler
Donald Hank Williams
Edna Moyer
Eileen Moyer
Elsie Kiddell
Erin Coombe
Erlin Moyer
Gregory Slivka
Harry & Janie Conner
Hope Gramlich
Jackson Farrow
Janet Altenburg
John Tracy
Larry Chelsa
Linda Garber
Lisa Moyer
Liz Johns
Lynn Long
Maggie Wehr
Margarita Santnadelon
Margaret Kern
Mark Wolfe
Marsha Rodgers
Mary Lou McGowan
Nadine
Nancy Domanski
Nicolas Thomas
Parker Brode
Paul David
Renee Troutman
Ricky Everett
Rita Yarmell
Russel Miller
Russell Snyder*

*Sharon Horning
Sue Hower
Teresa Fowler
Tracie & Scott Clews
Wayne Lazarus*

***Those on our
Visitation List:***

*Buddy Arner, Jr.
Hazel Arner
Edith Coombe
Robert Coombe
Olga Faust
Wendy Kunkle
Larry Miller
Gary Steigerwalt
Doris Wolfe*



Our Missionaries:

*Michael, Kay, Mikayla,
Leilani, & Michael
Killar
Maude, Valera, Zarina,
Alexander, & Nicolas
Motovilov*

**If you know of someone to be added or removed from the Prayer List, please contact
Rev. Herring, Chris Miller or the church office.**

Our Military Overseas:

Deployed to Japan: John McGuire
Deployed to Germany: Joyce Steigerwalt
Deployed to Saudi Arabia: Ryan Snyder

Our Military Active Not Deployed:

Mark Habel
Dustin Hoppes
LeRoy E. Kromer II
Timothy Kromer
Ezekiel Kuneck
Sean Kurtz
AJ Light
Amanda Miller
Austin Resch

Tyler Resch
Alexis Scott
Trevor Schilling
Andy Snyder
Ryan Snyder
Alexander Thomas
Chad Wehr
Mark West
Scott West
Michael Zeigenfuss

A Prayer for USA on the Anniversary of 9/11

adapted from David Cohen

I still pray for the survivors of the attack on September 11, 2001.
I still pray for the families who have lost loved ones.
I still pray for the rescue workers and police who were on the scene.
I still pray for the doctors and nurses who cared for the hurting.
I still pray for the President and other elected leaders who so desperately need wisdom from beyond themselves.
I still pray for the pastors who care first-hand for the spiritual needs of those who have experienced this great tragedy.
I still pray for the military.
I still pray for our nation -- that this event brought us together and turned our thoughts toward helping each other to fight and VANISH the terrorism out of the world.
I still pray for all those who might be tempted to think that violence accomplishes anything of lasting value. We've seen too much of it in the recent years.
Lastly, I still pray for every peace lover in this world.

May God break the cycle of violence to make a difference for His Peace and Grace in this sinful world.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!



Daily Lectionary Readings for September 2026

Tuesday, September 01, 2026:Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13;
Wednesday, September 02, 2026:Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32;
Thursday, September 03, 2026:Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21;
Friday, September 04, 2026:Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21;
Saturday, September 05, 2026:Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36;
Sunday, September 06, 2026: Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
Monday, September 07, 2026:Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17;
Tuesday, September 08, 2026:Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7;
Wednesday, September 09, 2026:Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22;
Thursday, September 10, 2026:Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16
Friday, September 11, 2026:Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16;
Saturday, September 12, 2026:Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15;
Sunday, September 13, 2026: Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
Monday, September 14, 2026:Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29;
Tuesday, September 15, 2026:Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2;
Wednesday, September 16, 2026:Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25;
Thursday, September 17, 2026:Psalm 105:1-6; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4;
Friday, September 18, 2026:Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10;
Saturday, September 19, 2026:Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30;
Sunday, September 20, 2026: Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
Monday, September 21, 2026:Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Romans 16:1-16;
Tuesday, September 22, 2026:Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20;
Wednesday, September 23, 2026:Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23; Matthew 18:1-5;
Thursday, September 24, 2026:Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16;
Friday, September 25, 2026:Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41;
Saturday, September 26, 2026:Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33;
Sunday, September 27, 2026: Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
Monday, September 28, 2026:Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14;
Tuesday, September 29, 2026:Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21;
Wednesday, September 30, 2026:Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8;

The word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105). It is a sure foundation that we can build our lives upon (2 Timothy 3:16). When we neglect the word of God, we are neglecting the very thing that has the power to change our lives.



Blessed are those who read and hear the Word of God and keep it.

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